



MD5 Council Business Meeting Minutes November 19, 2022 – Zoom

Attendance by Zoom: CC Marianne Kramchynsky, Secretary Lion Lois Reierson, 5SKN 1st VDG Bernie Kramchynsky, 5SE DG Robyn Tyler, 5SE 1st VDG LeeAnn Haisch, 5SE 2nd VDG Dennis Bohmont, 5SW DG Ron Bunnell, 5SW 1st VDG James Treloar, 5NE DG Scott Hildre, 5NE 2nd VDG Kirk Tingum, 5NW DG Jeanette Bean, 5NW 1st VDG Lynn Grabow, GLT Chair PDG Geraldine Ray, GMT Chair PCC Kevin Bean, 5SKS 1st VDG Lane Johnson, PCC Rick Pockett, Treasurer PCC John Emmett, 5SW 2nd VDG Frances Waits, 5SKS DG Alvin Matechuk, 5SKS 2nd VDG Heather Vermeersch, 5SKN 2nd VDG Ray Tatro

Others in Attendance: PID Pat Vannett, PID Bruce Schwartz, PDG Grant Kalbaugh, PCC Rick Pockett, Lion Crystal Dueker, Matthew Huggenvik, Lion Terry McAleese

Absent: 5SKN DG Beryl Bauer, 1st VDG Rick Stark, GST Chair Lion Tammie Richardson, PID Robert Littlefield, and 5NW 2nd VDG Lynn Helms

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by CC Marianne Kramchynsky.

Additional agenda items

Score cards developed by Constitution and By-Laws Committee will be added

Motion by DG Jeanette and seconded by Alvin to adopt the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Correspondence - none

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the August 20, 2022 meetings were posted in the MD5 Council of Governors One Drive by Lion Lois Reierson. Motion by DG Scott Hildre and seconded by DG Jeanette Bean to approve the August 20, 2022 meeting minutes as posted. MC

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Financial Review

The convention advance listed in the report is money received from the Cypress Hills Convention. The \$100,000 placed into a savings account is earning some interest. PCC John is having difficulty finding an affordable surety bond. Due to a conversion issue with the funds returned from the Cypress Hills Convention, the funds were returned to them and have been reissued. PCC John is renumbering some categories on the Profit and Loss statement to make the report easier to read. Undesignated funds were zeroed out because all funds have been paid out for the Montreal Convention.

Motion by DG Alvin and seconded by DG Jeanette to approve the Treasurer's Report. MC

Financial Issue – Since 2008 MD5 has been filing tax returns in error using 5SE's EIN. A decision was made that MD5 would apply for a new EIN and get the tax return filed. The new EIN was received November 14th and the tax return was due November 15th so an extension was filed. The compilation has not been finalized but will be done by the March meeting.

Rules of Audit

The committee reviewed which council members should have expenses reimbursed. 1st and 2nd VDG's are reimbursed when funding is available. DGs are reimbursed under the LCI budget. No claims will be accepted after end of fiscal year. Receipts must be submitted when required. The committee recommended leaving reimbursements rates the same. The Council can consider reimbursement rate changes at a later date. Not all districts are filing their e-postcard with the IRS which will result in revocation of their EIN. PCC John has talked to all district treasurers to remind them this must be done. He has asked DGs to have their treasurer send proof of filing to him. Suggestion was made to explain DG's and VDG's are reimbursed under LCI and to include an expense claim form with the Rules of Audit document.

Motion by DG Alvin and seconded by DG Scott to adopt the Rules of Audit. MC

Council Chair Marianne's Comments

It has been a busy few months with the USA Canada Forum and SD, ND and Saskatchewan conventions. The Lions of Canada had ten teams of Lions visiting with Parliament in Ottawa for the first time. She would like to have a Zoom meeting with DGs in January to exchange ideas but no date has been set. She will be out of the country Jan 15 – 29 but will be accessible.

Committee and Other Reports

Update on SWOT analysis

Officer training goal – Geraldine has been in contact with the VDG's and plans to meet with them via Zoom the 2nd week in December on a Sunday evening at 7:00 CT/6:00 MT. She will get info out on the training.

Gail Haight is doing some training via Zoom today.

Marketing goal – CC Marianne received an email from PDG Ken Peters stating that he is resigning from this committee due to health issues. Additional people need to be added to the committee to make progress. The last committee meeting was prior to the August meeting.

Constitution and Bylaws goal – DG Jeanette, PCC Rick, PID Robert, and PDG Rob met a couple of times. The policy and procedures are a work in progress. DG Jeanette will call a meeting to get changes and updates included in the document. The scorecards have been developed and have been uploaded to the One Drive. A process needs to be developed to select the State/Provincial Rep from each district. It was suggested this could be done at the state convention, which is what 5NW did, or at the Spring Rally. When a selection is made by the district, then the candidate's name is submitted to MD5 for final selection. There could be an interview process to see what the candidate will bring to the table. The Policies and Procedures document doesn't address what happens if none of the DG's are interested in submitting their name for the Council Chair position. The committee will look at this as well as ensure cross references are updated. Matt Huggenvik explained that in their MD, if no one runs, it is open to PDG's who haven't served as CC. The committee will also look at whether a PCC can be a State/Provincial Rep.

Getting committees to meet is important because it was identified as a weakness in the SWOT analysis.

The Marketing Committee is extremely important to get the word out regarding what we do.

CC Marianne is also working on getting the Contests Committee organized. She will follow-up with PDG Ginney Jones to possibly take over as the chair of this committee. DG Jeanette will also follow-up with her.

GLT Report

VDG Training Update – PDG Geraldine's report is on the One Drive. She attended state and provincial conventions and talked to GLT, GMT and GSTs. The ND GST is looking at a new type of

reporting. The training grant was approved and she is encouraging VDG attendance. The March training will begin earlier on Friday so 1 ½ day of training for VDG's.

MD5 RLLI Update – Geraldine is considering February or March timeframe in Minot or Bismarck. LCI extended grant application for previous plan through September. A new application is needed for the 2022/2023 year so she is working on this and is requesting a larger grant. Spring rally with officer training is set in the districts. There was a question about whether the grant funding for 2021/2022 was sent back to LCI so if it hasn't, that will need to be done. The \$5,000 in reserve for RLLI in the treasurer's report is MD5 funds. DG Jeanette will be added to this committee.

GMT Report – PCC Kevin Bean is working on a pre-COVID to present membership comparison to look at why our membership is good in some districts and others have fallen off. An IT specialist is helping him put together a graph with the numbers. He is working with the GST to see if service was down during the time membership is down and if the need for numbers to run someone for ID may have had an impact. PCC Kevin met with district membership chairs and discussed the importance to integrate membership and service. MD5 had a strong GAT team when membership numbers were up. Some districts are adopting the Global Membership Approach and those using it are seeing improvement in membership. Matt Huggenvik is here to help MD5 and help facilitate a plan. He has a travel budget for this purpose.

GST Report – Lion Tammie Richardson – Report was submitted

New Voices Report – Lion Crystal Duecker's report was submitted. Districts don't have an opportunity to know who should be recognized by the October timeframe. DGs should rely on their New Voices Chair and club presidents in their district for possible candidates. There is a need for more awareness on New Voices.

Protocol and International Guests – PID Pat Vannett reported that two documents were placed in the One Drive regarding protocol. The host committee for convention is responsible to meet needs of an international guest. A document that lists the 2023 convention dates has also been placed in the One Drive. Those that requested guest speakers have been notified. LCI pays mileage for one Int'l speaker per year per district. The district is responsible for meals. PID pat is available for questions.

2023 LCI Boston Convention Update – PID Pat reported documents have been uploaded to the One Drive. LCI will contact DGs regarding flight and hotels for the convention. The delegation hotel is the Boston Marriott which is highlighted on the form. The parade will be discussed at the March Council meeting. There will be an amendment to vote on at Int'l Convention regarding eliminating the 1250 minimum membership requirement to allow for an International Director candidate.

LCIF Report– No report

Upcoming Conventions

MD5 – Spearfish SD – May 25-27, 2023 update – No one from the convention committee was in attendance for a report. PDG Geraldine reported IPIP Douglas Alexander will be in attendance. News with the schedule of events will be coming out and the registration is on the MD5 website. PID Pat reported that LCI will pay for IPIP Alexander's travel and MD5 will host him. Protocol needs to be reviewed. It is uncertain if IPIP Alexander's spouse will accompany him. There needs to be publicity. If there will be a summit, the committee needs to ensure the facility is available. There is \$5,200 in the budget for the summit. Notify Matt Huggenvik and PDG Gail Haight if a summit will be held. VDG's, PCC Kevin Bean and PDG Geraldine Ray should be on the summit planning committee. PDG Rob Hill assisted and was a great resource for the 2022 summit. This is the 50th anniversary of the first LCIF grant which was issued to Rapid City during their flood. An idea was to

have 50 MD5 Melvin Jones Fellows recognized at the convention by the LCIF Chair and consider a MJF to the individual who was the Rapid City Mayor at the time the grant was received. PDG Geraldine will contact PCC Stan Smith and PIP John Daum. If an onsite visit isn't possible, a Zoom meeting should be organized to ensure this is a great event and IPIP Alexander is included as appropriate.

State and Provincial Conventions 2023

South Dakota - Sioux Falls SD, September 29-30 - registration is out - \$118 registration fee

North Dakota – Minot ND, October 20-21 - registration is out

Saskatchewan – Saskatoon SK, October 27-29 - registration is not out yet

Lion Lois will put the registrations in the One Drive.

Fun Break – VDG Lane Johnson led the group in a fun online game

Endorsement of Mark Lyon for 3rd VP of LCI – Motion by DG Ron Bunnell and seconded by DG Jeanette Bean that MD5 endorse Mark Lyon for LCI 3rd VP. PID Pat has created a document that is in the MD5 One Drive. Motion carried. PID Pat will fill out the form and submit it.

Voting on Peace Posters– Six 1st place peace posters were placed on the MD5 website for voting purposes. The first-place winner receives \$200, 2nd place winner receives \$100 and the other four poster winners will receive \$50 from MD5.

1st place winner was poster #1 which was the poster from District 5NE.

2nd place winner was poster #4 which was the poster from District 5SKN.

1st and 2nd place winners from each district will go in the peace poster calendar. The first-place poster will go to CC Marianne for her signature.

Deadline for Notices of Intent – February 1, 2023 - Council Chair, GMT, GLT and GST

For evaluation during the three-year term, the process should be to confirm that the GMT, GST and GLT want to continue and to discuss expectations. They should submit a letter of intent. At the March meeting, discussion will include when to implement the scorecard. The scorecard is a tool for evaluation. They will be in the position for three years with approval each year.

The State/provincial Reps go into effect in 2023 so the scorecard will follow that timeframe and be implemented in 2023 also. The scorecard can also be used for self-evaluation in the 2023-2024 Lions year. Who completes the scorecard needs to be determined. The personnel team should consider who should complete the scorecard. Current sitting DGs are involved in the evaluation and decision to continue their terms.

Reminder for DG's - Annual reports are due May 1, 2023 for the report booklet for the convention.

March meeting – Grand Hotel Minot, March 24 – 25, 2023 in person – The 24th will be a day of training for VDGs. Lois will check for 20 hotel rooms for Thursday evening. Two meeting rooms are needed for training. The training will end at approximately 9:00 PM Saturday. A Friday night hands-on session was suggested for Friday night to include a review of the One Drive.

Other Business - none

Respectfully submitted by
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary